

Hubble Study Committee
May 19, 2004

Minutes

Dr. Catalani welcomed members of the committee to Hubble Middle School. He introduced Paul Pessetti and Patrick Brosnan of Legat Architects who explained in detail how the estimate for the renovation of Hubble was calculated. Mike Concannon and David Norris of Bovis Lend Lease, the District's construction managers, confirmed the estimate, indicating they can conduct their own cost analysis and arrived at a cost within 1 to 2 percent of the Legat estimate. Committee members then toured the school with the architects, who pointed out the various life safety and renovation needs within the school.

Following the tour, Dr. Catalani updated the group on questions that were raised at the last meeting:

- The committee ordinarily would not fall under the umbrella of the Open Meetings Act since it was not a Board of Education appointed committee. Because Dr. Catalani said the meetings would be posted and open to the public, the committee must now follow the Open Meetings Act guidelines.
- The City of Wheaton is not interested at this point in creating a TIF on the Hubble property. It believes it is premature to do this and that the property might generate more tax dollars for District 200 if it is not TIFED. The City remains interested in continuing discussions as planning proceeds.
- The City of Warrenville reported that it could potentially contribute up to \$4.6 million for school purposes. The City desires that the school be constructed within its city limits and would only make the money available if it concurs with the selected site for the new school.
- The Board of Education authorized a new enrollment study for elementary and middle schools. The report should be available by mid summer.

Brian Ebbert suggested one alternative to selling Hubble is to move the preschool and offices currently located at Jefferson School to the Hubble site. The Jefferson School and property could be sold and developed, generating new tax dollars for the city and the school district. The details of this suggestion will be discussed by a subcommittee that will begin meeting in June.

Dr. Catalani asked members to consider what subcommittees they would be interested in joining. He said at least five sub committees will be formed:

- Available sites
- Referendum timeline/Jefferson needs/relationship to long-term finances
- Feasibility of boundary changes
- Alternate uses for Hubble property/building
- Public participation and feedback

The next meeting will be held at **7 p.m. Tuesday, June 1 in the Monroe Middle School** library. At that time members will identify the subcommittee they wish to join and then meet with their group to plan how to proceed with the their task.

Please bring calendars to the June 1 meeting to plan an August meeting date.